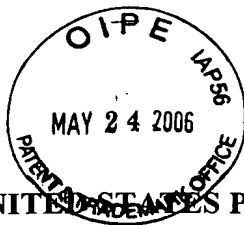


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiko YAMADA, et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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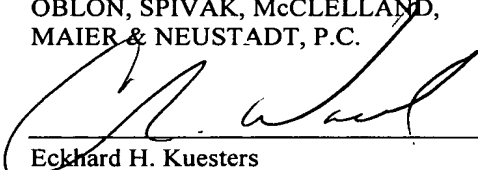
It is hereby requested that a **one** month extension of time be granted to **MAY 24, 2006** for

- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: **JANUARY 24, 2006**
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$120.00** is enclosed herewith by **credit card payment** and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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